REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS IN ENGLISH AT COLBY COLLEGE

Name ________________________   Class ________   Advisor ________________________

OVERVIEW

The English (EN) major requires a total of 11 courses. The English and Creative Writing concentration (ENCR) requires a minimum of 13 (fulfillment of the 11-course EN major plus 4 Creative Writing Workshops). The 11-course EN major must include:

- 3 courses at the 200 level, to include EN200, EN271, and 1 200-level elective
- 5 courses at the 300 or 400 level
- 1 EN493 (Senior Seminar)
- 2 electives (EN & CW courses at any level, foreign language courses, and approved TD and CI courses)

Within these 11 courses, majors must meet the following field requirements:

- 1 Poetry course at any level, either literary study or creative writing (P)
- 2 Early Literatures in English courses at any level (E)
- 2 Diasporas and Crossroads courses at any level (D) (literatures of underrepresented groups OR courses that address alternative literatures in ethnic American, diasporic works, or postcolonial literatures)
- 2 Comparative Literatures and Media courses at any level (C) (courses that cross national boundaries, cross historical periods, or intermix media forms)

CHECKLIST

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STIPULATIONS

The following also apply:

- W1 courses do not count toward the major; courses from other departments count only as electives.
- Creative Writing (CW) courses count toward the major as electives (including the 200-level elective).
- No more than 4 courses taken during a year abroad, or 3 courses taken during a semester abroad, may count toward the major.
- Courses fulfilling more than one level or field requirement can count for no more than 2 requirements; only EN courses at Colby can count for 2 requirements.
- Honors in English requires 12 courses; honors in ENCR requires 13 courses.

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English Department Mission

The English Department offers majors in English and in English with a concentration in creative writing. It also offers minors in English and in creative writing.

Students pursuing majors in English and creative writing read from a range of literary and cultural texts, drawn from Anglophone traditions in their broadest and most inclusive conception. Students develop the critical and creative skills to interpret and engage with varieties of complex textual and rhetorical expression, to write persuasively and purposively in multiple genres, and to express themselves articulately in both the spoken and written word.

The English Department offers a range of courses that emphasize the study of literature as an artistic tradition and the study of language more generally as a crucial component of cultural production and civic engagement. Students develop skills directly applicable to the further study of law, politics, journalism and publishing, leadership and stewardship.

English courses emphasize diversity in historical periods, genres, authors, cultures, and themes. The majority of courses in the major are seminar-style with limited enrollment emphasizing active student participation, critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills. The Creative Writing Program offers fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry courses at the introductory, intermediate, and advanced levels. The department offers special-topics courses and supervises numerous independent studies and honors projects. Students frequently pursue internships and study abroad.

English is one of the most useful majors for those who want to attend professional schools of law, medicine, and business, as well as for those seeking jobs in nonprofits, business, and government. Some majors become teachers; some become writers; some go into journalism, library science, or publishing. Students interested in teaching in private and public schools are urged to read the “Education” section of the catalogue and to contact a member of the Education Program. The department also encourages interdepartmental and interdisciplinary studies and supports the American Studies Program, the Theater and Dance Department, the Cinema Studies Program, and the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the major, students will be able to:

- Recognize continuities and differences among a variety of literary periods and genres
- Use appropriate knowledge of form, genre, and historical context to interpret and analyze literary or cultural texts
- Use appropriate theoretical paradigms to analyze literary or cultural texts
- Develop cogent and well-structured arguments
- Write with appropriate attention to voice, style, and form
- Demonstrate advanced disciplinary research skills and correct citation of sources
- Make effective oral presentations and participate effectively in small and large group discussion
- Demonstrate the ability to identify and improve upon their own work and arguments independently, based on disciplinary feedback.